

A. Comments on Draft Agenda for NERT 2018 Annual Stakeholder Meeting

1. Please include a discussion on the AMPAC/NERT/Eastside plumes mass flux estimate. In this regard, we would also like to understand how much perchlorate from AMPAC is being treated at the SNWA weir dewatering project and where it is being treated.
2. Please include a discussion of the new hydrogen gas permeable membrane pilot study as part of Item #6 (NERT Feasibility Study)
3. Please include a discussion of potential GWETS infrastructure modifications (Task I08) as part of Item #8 (GWETS).

B. Questions/Comments on NERT's 2018 Budget

1. Mr. Steinberg's cover letter includes a chart which indicates "Work Plan development is underway" for the Alternate Hydrogen Gas Treatability Study. However, Metropolitan had recommended on August 21, 2017 that a paper study for this technology first be conducted to further assess applicability before committing substantial resources to laboratory- and field-scale studies. Why has NERT decided to proceed with this study?
2. What is the Hydrogen Gas Permeable Membrane Pilot Study?
 - a. What information was provided regarding this study at the November 30, 2017 meeting which is referred to in the cover letter?
3. The chart on page 4 of the cover letter refers to a potential task budget amendment I01 of "Construction and operation of removal action to address offsite migration of perchlorate and chromium above permit limits." The letter states that "[a]dditional information can be found within each respective task's footnote within Attachment 2 to this letter," but there is no information about this potential task budget amendment in footnote 29 to task I01. Please provide information about this potential task budget amendment.
4. No supporting documentation/budget proposal from Envirogen Technologies Inc. ("ETI") is provided. Please provide the documentation supporting ETI's budget estimates.
5. Footnote 7 states that the budget has been increased by \$15,000 "due to additional effort related to amending the NERT Investment Policy Statement and Trust Agreement, if necessary." What terms/conditions might be amended?
 - a. Please send us a copy of any amendments if/when they are made.
6. Footnote 21 refers to grading efforts that will accompany the fence installation on TIMET's property line. Who is requiring the grading and why is it necessary?
7. What is Ramboll doing for H01, "Analytical"? (There is nothing included in Ramboll's proposal regarding this task.)
8. Please provide documentation to support the additional \$3.5 million to be added to the rollover amount of \$673,800 for I08, "GWETS Infrastructure Modifications."
 - a. Please send us any minutes, handouts, and/or presentations from the November 30, 2017 meeting between NDEP, EPA, and the Trust.
9. What is the rollover budget of \$453,500 from K01, "Continuous Optimization Program Support," to be used for? As footnote 35 explains, "[N]o new Continuous Optimization Program Initiatives are planned for 2018."
10. What is the status of K18, "Water Management Plan"? Only \$12,000 of the budgeted amount of \$196,000 was spent in 2017, and no money is budgeted for this item in 2018.

11. Please provide a breakdown of the costs associated with each of the necessary and material changes to project scope beyond NERT's control which are listed in footnote 42.
 - a. Does the statement that "[c]osts related to facility decommissioning, storage, and area restoration are not included in this budget" mean that the total cost of SNWA weir dewatering treatment will exceed the lifetime project total of \$43,734,000?
 - b. What is the status of seeking to recover at least some of these costs from AMPAC and/or Endeavour?
 - c. What does the reference in footnote 42 to "the contract mechanism between SNWA and the unknown weir construction general contractor" mean?
 - i. How/why would this impact NERT's budget?
12. What is the status of L18, "Timet Groundwater Treatment EE/CA"? Only \$100 out of a budgeted amount of \$125,000 was spent in 2017, and no money is budgeted for this task in 2018.
13. Is the AP Area Down and Up Flushing Treatability Study (M13) different from the AP Area Soil Flushing Treatability Study? If so please explain how they are different.
14. Why is the 2018 budgeted amount for M15, "LVW Surface Water Sampling" (\$447,000) different from Tetra Tech's budgeted amount of \$347,000 in its proposal?
15. The 2018 budgeted amount of \$35,400,000 (which is approximately 30% of the entire 2018 environmental budget) for treatability and pilot studies seems very high. Will the third party that will review estimated costs for the full-scale implementation of the studies also consider information about the cost-benefit of doing these studies, or will the third party simply be looking at whether the costs themselves are reasonable, regardless of whether the studies should be done?
16. Please send us copies of Dr. Jaci Batista's research papers and White Papers which are referenced in footnote 1 to footnote 24 in the Footnote Summary.
17. Please send us a copy of NERT's semi-annual report to the Legislature for the period July through December 2017.